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MEMORANDUM TO: Assistant Director, SO
Assistant Director, OPC

SUBJECT: Proposed Espionage Legislation.

1. At the request of the Department of Justice, proposed revisions of the espionage and similar statutes have been introduced into the Congress.

2. One of the proposals is an amendment to the Alien Registration Act to include the registration of:

"(5) any person who has knowledge of or has received instruction in the espionage, counterespionage, or sabotage service or tactics of a government of a foreign country or a foreign political party, unless such knowledge or instruction has been acquired by reason of civilian or military service with the United States Government;

The proposals also suspend the statute of limitation in connection with the filing of such a registration statement.

3. As originally drafted, this proposal did not exclude persons who had acquired their knowledge by reason of civilian or military service with the United States Government. However, after protests by CIA, who felt that this would involve filing virtually a roster of CIA personnel, as well as protests by the State Department and the Treasury Department, in behalf of their intelligence services, this additional qualification was added.

4. Insofar as CIA is concerned, there now appears to be one additional loophole which perhaps should be blocked. This involves aliens and naturalized citizens, utilized by your Offices, who may have received their training or instruction in espionage services while they were citizens of another country, serving in the armed forces or governments of their native land, or by similar means. The proposal as drafted would not exclude them from registration, as they did not secure this knowledge by reason of civilian or military service with the United States Government.

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5 5. If you feel that you desire this office to consider further steps to cover any such loophole, or feel that it may raise a difficult problem for you, it is requested that you inform us so that we can see if there are any further steps which might be taken to protect our use of such personnel.

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